Loss of wheat, paddy and millet production

†2494. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total annual production of fruits and vegetables in the country is estimated to be worth around rupees one lakh crore;

(b) the estimated value of annual production of wheat, paddy and millets in the country, in comparison thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of the total production of fruits and vegetables worth one lakh crore rupees, the production to the tune of rupees 30,000 crore gets destroyed annually, without utilization; and

(d) the average annual loss of wheat, paddy and millets in comparison thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) According to the estimates of value output from agriculture released by the Central Statistical Organisation the value of production of fruits & vegetables for the year 2000-01 is Rs. 85,732 crore. The estimated value of production of cereals including wheat, paddy and millets in the country in 2000-01 is Rs. 1,45,824 crore. According to the studies conducted by the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection, the post harvest losses at producers' level were 5.02% for jowar, 4.34% for paddy, 2.17% for Bajra, 5.0% for wheat and 1.5% for Maize. Information on the quantum of fruits and vegetables destroyed before final utilization is not maintained in the Ministry.

Impact of US farm subsidy on Indian farmers

†2495. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news

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item published in The Business Lines on 28th June, 2002 under caption, "U.S. release $ 100m for farm exports";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that 100 million dollars are being given by U.S.A. as subsidy to promote export of foodgrains; and

(c) if so, the estimates with regard to its likely impact on Indian farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. In the US Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, 2002, there is a provision of US $ 100 million for the year 2002, under 'Market Access Programme'. Reports are indicating that the subsidies indicated in the US Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, 2002, will have a price depressing effect on the world markets. This will have a negative effect for developing countries as well.

Transportation of cattle to Kerala

2496. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large scale tansportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala is going on;

(b) if so, the purpose of such transportation;

(c) whether it violates any existing rules; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Government has no information of transportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala. However, there are transportation rules ensuring proper care of animals while they are on transit.

Mismanagement in KVKs in UP

2497. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of mismanagement have been received against some KVKs in UP;